

EPSDT and ID Waiver

Questions and Answers

Authorizations

1. Must a change in services prior to the annual, but after 1/1/11, result in earlier transition to EPSDT? *Yes. With any modification after 1/1/11, services must be preauthorized under EPSDT.*
2. What do we do if the MD has not returned the signed EPSDT documents in time for annual reauthorization? *Submit the other required information on schedule, so that the request can be pended until the MD information is obtained.*
3. There is no place in the upper left hand corner of ISAR to indicate this is a request for EPSDT. *Nothing new is needed in the left corner, since EPSDT is identified later on the ISAR.*
4. Should a DMAS 7 be submitted for all children, even those denied by the MD as EPSDT-eligible? *Yes, ineligibility under EPSDT must be determined prior to receiving the services under Waiver. The PA Consultant will need this in order to authorize services.*

Assistive Technology

1. Can AT requests for sensory items or software be authorized under EPSDT? *Yes. Physical, sensory and medical reasons for AT are appropriate under EPSDT.*
2. If the ISAR is for AT under EPSDT, but is determined by the PA Consultant to not meet EPSDT criteria, is another ISAR needed for Waiver? *In most cases, only one ISAR would be needed. The PA Consultant will review the request for approval under the most appropriate funding source and request more information if needed.*
3. When requesting AT under EPSDT and items under Waiver also, should both requests be submitted on one ISAR? *No. A single ISAR is needed for each request.*
4. Can an ID Waiver AT request and an EPSDT AT request be open in the system at the same time for the same individual? *Yes – due to the services having different billing codes.*
5. Can the MD, PA or RNP can sign the “professional recommendation” (e.g. PT/OT) instead of the 355? *Yes*

Personal Assistance

1. Is the 355 or MD Letter needed for Personal Assistance services? *No. The DMAS-7 provides the MD approval.*
2. How often should SFs and RNs be reporting to support coordinators under the ID Waiver? *-Providers of EPSDT services to individuals in the ID Waiver are to follow the same quarterly review/reporting rules as other ID Waiver providers.*
3. Can an agency nurse reauthorize PA services? *No, it must be MD, PA or RNP only who signs DMAS 7.*

Therapeutic Consultation

1. Are Therapeutic Recreation and Rehab Engineering covered under EPSDT? *No. These are the only Therapeutic Consultation services that must be requested for children under the ID Waiver.*

Additional questions, contact your Community Resource Consultant. Please watch for updates.